

Jerry B. Miller



Mr. Miller, a Water Quality Scientist with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, has been asked by a committee of the American Society of Civil Engineers to help write a textbook on reservoir water quality modeling. This only seems appropriate, since four of the eight case studies to be presented are from Utah, and Jerry has been both literally and figuratively helping to write the book on them for some thirty years now. His peers have recognized him for his ability to think outside the box, as well as for his lifelong dedication to the study and protection of Utah's water resources. In the late 1970's he devised a plan utilizing the new Jordanelle Dam to help restore water quality in the Provo River and Deer Creek Reservoir, and this successful project is still considered unique in river/reservoir management.

Jerry Miller is well known among fellow professionals: In the past, the Department of the Interior asked for Mr. Miller to represent them in reviewing proposals concerning the placement of the national Nuclear Waste Repository and the remediation of the Moab Uranium Mill tailings - despite the fact that the Bureau of Reclamation had no prior involvement in those projects. More recently, a Colorado River Basin Salinity Forum selenium subcommittee was formed, and they specifically requested that the Bureau provide Jerry's services as a science advisor to that subcommittee. The public, however, has simply enjoyed the fruits of his work, such as the Jordanelle State Park.